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PATENT  
 0042-0484P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takaaki MATSUFUJI et al. Conf.: 5901  
 Appl. No.: 10/618,819 Group: 1731  
 Filed: July 15, 2003 Examiner: WALLS, DIONNE A  
 For: LOW FIRE-SPREADING CIGARETTE

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 4, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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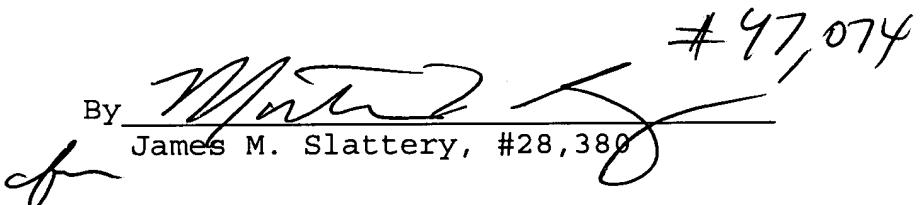
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Respectfully submitted,

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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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October 1, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated July 2, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks.**